

AN ORDINANCE

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An Ordinance to prohibit the installation of parking meters in East Atlanta Village; and for other purposes

WHEREAS, in October 2001, a pilot program was launched to introduce and track the use of both single space and multi-space electronic meters, and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the pilot project, the Department of Public Works recommended the replacement of all existing mechanical meters and the purchase of additional electronic meters

WHEREAS, parking is a key component of the City's transportation system and adequate, convenient and reasonably priced parking supply is crucial to vital commercial districts and healthy residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the lifeblood of the City's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, these businesses face tremendous competition from the larger, more elaborate and better financed developments; and

WHEREAS, there are plans for the installation of these electronic parking meters to be placed in and around East Atlanta Village

WHEREAS, it is not intended that the placing of these parking meters to adversely affect small neighborhood businesses; and

WHEREAS East Atlanta Village is a resurging in-town commercial area that is comprised of small, struggling businesses; and

WHEREAS, East Atlanta Village is within one mile and one-half mile, respectively, of two major commercial and mixed use developments which provide free parking for their customers and visitors

WHEREAS, the installation of meters in this area would adversely affect those small businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council and the neighborhoods surrounding this Village that parking meters not be erected in this area.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

Section 1: That there shall be no parking meters placed along the two main arteries that traverse through the Village which are known as Flat Shoals Avenue and Glenwood Avenue.

Section 2: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.